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HUDSON RECEIVES JOSEPH KELLY AWARD

(FRANKFORT, Ky.) – Bob Hudson, CEO of the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center in Richmond, is the recipient of the ninth annual Joseph W. Kelly Award.

The award was presented to Hudson today by the Kentucky Board of Education at its regular meeting in Frankfort.

“As the regional medical center’s CEO, Bob Hudson has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to the Madison County community by ensuring the area’s residents are provided with the highest quality health care services, facilities and professionals,” said Kentucky Board of Education Chair Joe Brothers.

Hudson was nominated for the award by Madison County Superintendent Tommy Floyd. In January of this year, Hudson formed a visionary partnership with the Madison County school district that has resulted in the implementation of the PE4Life curriculum in the district’s schools and to the opening of LearnWell Clinics at both high schools. Students across the district can be referred by their school nurses and then transported to one of the clinic sites.

The LearnWell Clinics are staffed and funded entirely by the Pattie A. Clay Regional Medical Center. The district provides clinic space and transportation for elementary and middle school students to one of the clinic sites. This service potentially saves many hundreds of thousands of dollars in emergency room visits.

Hudson’s leadership in establishing these clinics has helped remove health-related barriers for students, including a lack of health insurance or a lack of accessibility.

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The Joseph W. Kelly Award was created in honor of Joseph W. Kelly, a respected businessman and chair of the Kentucky Board of Education from 1991 to 1998. Kelly's efforts and expertise were crucial to the implementation and nurturing of Kentucky's school improvement efforts.

The annual award is given by the Kentucky Board of Education to businesspeople who have offered outstanding leadership and service toward promoting school improvement and equitable educational opportunities for all Kentucky children.

Board members Jeanne Ferguson, who served as chair, David Karem, Doug Hubbard and Billy Harper served as the selection committee for the award this year.

Previous Winners of the Joseph W. Kelly Award

- 2008** Al Rider, president and CEO of the North Central Education Foundation in Elizabethtown
- 2007** Ben Cundiff, owner/operator of Cundiff Farms in Cadiz
- 2006** Henry Vogt Heuser, Jr., CEO and president of UniStar/Vogt in Louisville
- 2005** Wynn Long Radford III, president and co-owner of Higgins Insurance Agency in Hopkinsville
- 2004** Ann Yager Hamlin, director at Stith Funeral Home in Danville
- 2003** State Senator Jimmy Higdon, owner of Higdon's Foodtown in Lebanon
- 2002** Frank and Mattie Justice, founders of the Frank and Mattie Justice Charitable Foundation in Pikeville
- 2001** Billy Harper, president of Harper Industries, Inc., in Paducah
- 2000** Vince and Valorie Tanner, owners of the Beaver Dam McDonald's restaurant

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